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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PROFESSOR MORRIS FORKOSCH

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1. BINATIONAL BOARD CHAIRMAN (PAO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND CAO) MET TODAY WITH CHENG CHI PRESIDENT LEE AND LAW DEPARTMENT DR. SHIH CHI-MAU TO DISCUSS FORKOSCH PROBLEM. SINCE REFTTEL FORKOSCH CHANGED MIND AND FIRST REQUESTED TO STAY UNTIL MARCH AND THEN APRIL, PROMISING TO COVER FULL SEMESTERS MATERIAL. THIS UNACCEPTABLE TO HOST AND PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS.

2. REFUSAL FOLLOWED BY SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER DATES ACCEPTABLE. INSTITUTIONS' POSITION THROUGHOUT WAS THAT FORKOSCH, WHO ARRIVED SEVERAL WEEKS LATE AND TOOK TWO WEEKS LEAVE IN EARLY DECEMBER, MUST FULFILL CONDITIONS OF GRANT BY REMAINING UNTIL END OF SCHOOL YEAR.

3. HOST INSTITUTION PRESIDENT PERSONALLY REACHED DECISION TO ASK FORKOSCH TO LEAVE AFTER LAW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RECEIVED FORKOSCH LETTER WHICH PLEADED FOR AN EARLY RELEASE BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR (FORKOSCH'S) "MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING." LETTER COMPLAINED OF THE "TOTAL LACK OF RESEARCH OR LIBRARY FACILITIES (AT HOST INSTITUTION), THE LACK OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE INABILITY TO DO ANY KIND OF WRITING AND EXPRESSION IN OTHER WAYS, THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE, THE CONSEQUENT INABILITY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS WITH MY PEERS AND

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ATTEND CONFERENCES, AND SO FORTH." FORKOSCH CONCLUDED:

"ALL THESE CONDUCE TO A DEPRESSION, LACK OF SLEEP, BOREDOM,
AT TIMES A BROODING PHASE, AND SO ON."

4. PAO PERSONALLY REQUESTED MEETING TODAY TO ASK CHENG CHI
RECONSIDER DECISION WHICH MADE KNOWN TO FOUNDATION EARLY IN
MORNING. PAO ALSO RECEIVED EARLY MORNING PHONE CALL FROM
DEAN SOOCHOW LAW SCHOOL WHO SAID SOOCHOW DOES NOT WANT
FORKOSCH SECOND SEMESTER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. PRESIDENT LEE'S DECISION BASED ON EVALUATION FORKOSCH AS
UNRELIABLE. TWO WEEKS LEAVE GRANTED FORKOSCH LAST DECEMBER
ONLY AFTER HE PROMISED IN WRITING THAT "BARRING AN ACT OF GOD,
I DO NOT EXPECT TO PROPOSE TO REQUEST ANY OTHER SUCH LEAVE
THIS TERM OR NEXT." SCHOOL NOW UNWILLING ACCEPT FORKOSCH'S
WORDS AT FACE VALUE. FOLLOWING REVIEW OF ALL FACTS, PAO
AGREED CHENG CHI DECISION INEVITABLE.

6. FORKOSCH AS YET NOT INFORMED SCHOOLS DECISION. FOUNDATION
UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM AS HE TRAVELING DOWN ISLAND. CAO
ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT VIA USIS TAICHUNG. IN VIEW OF ABOVE
HOPE TO CONVINCE HIM SUBMIT LETTER RESIGNATION WHICH WOULD
PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR CHENG CHI SENDING LETTER OF
TERMINATION. IN ANY CASE, FOUNDATION SEEKS STATE AND BFS
CONCURRENCE TO REVOKE GRANT AS PER CLAUSE 10 A. IN GRANT
AUTHORIZATION. HOWEVER, WITH STATE AND BFS APPROVAL, PAO
PLANS TO SUGGEST AT USEF/C JANUARY 21 BOARD MEETING THAT
RETURN
AIR TRAVEL BE SUPPLIED TO FORKOSCH.

7. REQUEST STATE AND BFS REPLY TO ABOVE PRIOR TO JANUARY
21, 3 P.M. BOARD MEETING.
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